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Greetings,

My name is Colleen Baum and I am a resident of Malibu and a parent at Malibu High School.

I am emailing you to lodge a complaint regarding Hugh Kaufman.

Mr. Kaufman has inserted himself in the conversation about Malibu High School environmental issues. While I respect his right for free speech, often times, he comments in the press and social media, in his official capacity as an analyst for the EPA. His comments and quotes carry weight in an uninformed community. The latest example can be found here <http://www.laweekly.com/2014-03-20/news/cancer-scare-at-malibu-high-turns-messy/>.

Mr. Kaufman has repeatedly slandered my school, my district, and me personally.

I am requesting a letter from the EPA that outlines for our community who is the voice of the EPA regarding Malibu High School and explain clearly Hugh Kaufman's involvement. In this letter, I request that the EPA address Mr. Kaufman's' accusations included in the article linked above and quoted below.

"He (Mr. Kaufman) says district officials have tried to **evade and avoid comprehensive assessment**. They've spent half a million dollars dodging and covering up. We still don't know what the problem is, or what the magnitude of the problem is, because **the school district refuses to do what they have to do to find out**."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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